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## City of Pickens Receives Baseball Tomorrow Fund Grant for Field Maintenance Equipment

The City of Pickens was recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$8,600 from the Baseball Tomorrow Fund (BTF). The grant will support the purchase of an infield groomer for use by the city grounds keeping staff.

The City of Pickens Recreation Department and the Pickens Youth Athletic Corporation provide youth sports programs and facilities to the citizens of Pickens and the surrounding communities. Its programs are affiliated with Dixie League, Inc. The City maintains four baseball/softball fields. The grant will provide funding for much-needed equipment that will improve the playing conditions and ease on-going maintenance to provide safe, quality fields.



Pickens Revitalization Association is dedicated to the enhancement, preservation and sustainable growth of Pickens' historic downtown area.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Baseball Tomorrow Fund Grant Continued

"I would like to thank the Baseball Tomorrow Fund for the grant award which will help us purchase an infield groomer. The groomer will assist with the ongoing effort of providing quality baseball diamonds for the children of Pickens who enjoy our recreational sports teams. My staff is excited to be receiving the 50/50 match. I would like to thank Cheri Anthony; Recreation Director and Becky Horace; project manager for the time and effort that went into making this possible." *Jamie Gravely, Grounds Superintendent for the City of Pickens*

"The City of Pickens is very grateful to the Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association for the award of the Baseball Tomorrow Fund Grant. This addition of an infield groomer will help to provide a more safe experience for the children participating in recreation league baseball and softball with our Pickens Recreation Department." *David Owens, Mayor of the City of Pickens*

"On behalf of Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association, we are pleased to support the City of Pickens and the Pickens Youth Athletic Corporation's efforts to provide quality programs and facilities in this community," said Cathy Bradley, executive director of the Baseball Tomorrow Fund. "Safe playing fields are important to the growth of the game at the youth level, and we thank these organizations for making quality fields a priority."

### **About the City of Pickens**

The City of Pickens Recreation Department and the Pickens Youth Athletic Corporation (PYAC- founded in 1964) have been committed to providing quality youth sports programs and the best facilities possible for the citizens of Pickens and the surrounding areas. Their vision is to see every child in the community involved in a positive recreational environment. Their hope is that by offering these youth sports programs, the Pickens community youth will continue to participate and lower their chances of becoming involved in at-risk behaviors. They believe team involvement instills pride and responsibility which builds the self-confidence and strong character required for leadership. In the past year, the PYAC has awarded roughly 150 scholarships with 20 percent going toward baseball and softball players. These scholarships awarded by the PYAC cover the costs of recreation fees for children in financial need who wish to participate and to this day no child has been turned down! For more information about youth baseball and softball programs offered in Pickens please visit the City of Pickens website at <http://www.cityofpickens.com/recreation>.

### **About the Baseball Tomorrow Fund**

The Baseball Tomorrow Fund (BTF) is a joint initiative between the Major League Baseball Players Association and Major League Baseball designed to promote the growth of youth baseball and softball throughout the world by awarding grants to support field renovation and construction projects, equipment and uniform purchases, coaches training material and other selected program expenses. Since its formation by the MLBPA and MLB in 1999, BTF has awarded more than 900 grants totaling over \$30 million to non-profit and tax-exempt organizations in the U.S., Canada, Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa and Asia. BTF also facilitates league-wide initiatives including the collection and distribution of new and gently used equipment to organizations in need as well as field maintenance education clinics. For more information, visit [baseballtomorrowfund.com](http://baseballtomorrowfund.com) and follow BTF on Facebook, Twitter and MLBBlogs.

# LOCAL NEWS

## Pickens Police Department is Bringing Active Shooter Training to the Upstate

Pickens Police Department and the ALICE Training Institute have teamed up to bring ALICE Instructor Training to Pickens Police Department at Pickens Middle School on December 28th-29th. This two day instructor course is designed to teach proactive survival strategies for violent intruder or active shooter incidents. The goal of the ALICE program is to provide individuals with survival-enhancing options for those critical moments in the gap between when a violent situation begins and when law enforcement arrives on scene. The registration fee for this training is \$595 per person and can be completed online at [www.alicetraining.com](http://www.alicetraining.com).

ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate and is a useful strategy for everyone: law enforcement, schools, universities, hospitals, businesses, and places of worship. Completing the ALICE Instructor Training course provides individuals with certification in ALICE Training and allows them the opportunity to bring ALICE strategies back to their places of work. Additionally, registrants will gain access to exclusive ALICE resources.

ALICE is in line with recommendations from the U.S. Department of Education, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

### About Hosting Partner

Pickens Police Department is a municipal department located in the county seat of Pickens, SC.

### About ALICE Training Institute

The ALICE Training Institute is changing how schools, universities, and businesses respond to armed intruders. ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate), developed after Columbine, teaches strategies to survive a life-threatening event. Supported by educators and law enforcement across the country, ALICE is quickly becoming the new standard of care.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Senior Center is Center Stage for Chamber



The Greater Pickens Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate the Pickens Senior Center for being the Chamber Member of the Month. The Senior Citizens of Pickens, Inc., is a non-profit organization founded on the principles of securing a permanent meeting place for the seniors of Pickens. The organization also seeks to provide fellowship, recreational activities and communal meals to the senior citizens of the Pickens area. This encourages seniors to be active mentally, physically and socially in order to better live their lives with quality and dignity.

The Senior Center also recently announced the upcoming release of their state of the art auditorium by the end of the year. This 165 person capacity auditorium will soon host a multitude of events and will be a great addition to the community. "Time and time again I hear how unbelievable our Senior Center is and what a gem we have in our backyard, and it truly is! Thank you to all the many members, volunteers, and supporters of this fabulous organization" stated Kim Smagala, Executive Director of the Greater Pickens Chamber of Commerce.

For those looking to join or find out more about the Greater Pickens Area Chamber of Commerce you may come by the Chamber Office at 222 West Main Street in Pickens or by contacting us by calling (864) 878-3258 or you may visit our website at [www.pickenschamberofcommerce.com](http://www.pickenschamberofcommerce.com) or e-mail us at [GreaterPickensChamber@gmail.com](mailto:GreaterPickensChamber@gmail.com).

Pictured: Liza Holder, Board President of the Greater Pickens Chamber of Commerce and the many members and supporters of the Pickens Senior Center.

FEATURED PROMOTIONS and EVENTS

# PICKENS TOY RUN



**SUNDAY  
11-6-2016**

**2:00 P.M. AT LEGACY  
SQUARE IN PICKENS**

**kSU at 2:30 p.m. 50 mile ride**

**BRING NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS  
FOR COUNTRY SANTA**

Sponsored by Freedom Biker Church Foothills,  
Scenic Biker Apparel, and Pickens County Abate  
**CONTACT LINDA AT 864-810-0325 FOR MORE INFORMATION**



# FEATURED PROMOTIONS and EVENTS



## DOWNTOWN PICKENS

### Sip - Stroll - Shop

November 19

2:00 - 6:00PM  
\$10.00 a Ticket

Wine - Cider - Hot Chocolate - Craft Beer & Appetizers



*support our downtown business community*

JOIN US AS WE STROLL (WALK/BIKE)  
AROUND DOWNTOWN AND HIGHLIGHT  
SOME OF THE GREAT THINGS OUR TOWN  
HAS TO OFFER DURING THIS SHOPPING  
SEASON & SAMPLE SOME TASTY TREATS!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:**

**WWW.PICKENSCHAMBEROFCOMMERCE.COM**

# FEATURED PROMOTIONS and EVENTS

## CLAIRE LYNCH & BRYAN MCDOWELL LIVE AT THE AUDITORIUM

**12.16.2016 HAGOOD COMMUNITY CENTER**

**6:00PM**

### MEET THE MUSICIANS

*-serving heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer & wine*

**\$40** (meet the artists & concert)

**7:15PM**

### BENEFIT CONCERT

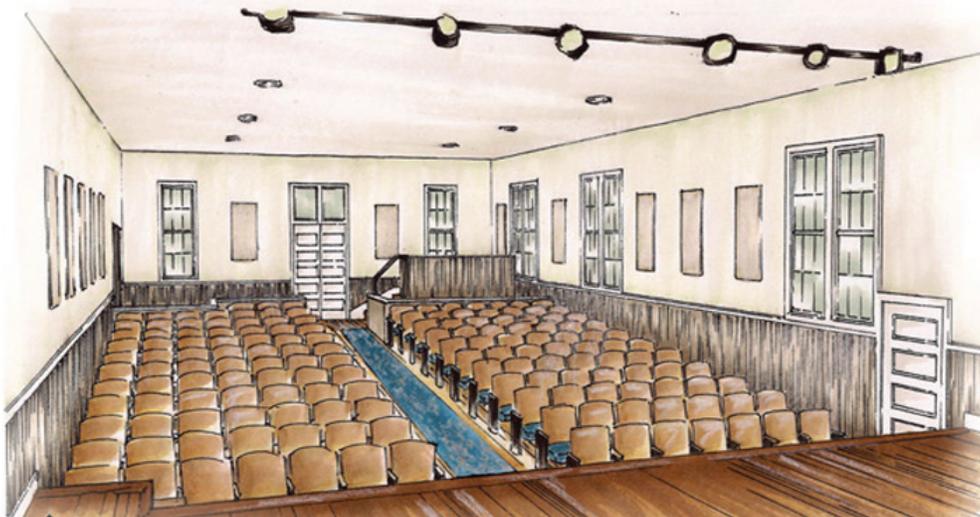
*featuring* CLAIRE LYNCH & BRYAN MCDOWELL  
*with opening by* Young Appalachian Musicians

**\$20** (concert only)

Experience the newly  
renovated auditorium at the  
Hagood Community Center

Tickets for sale at Hagood  
Community Center or online at  
[www.cityofpickens.com/events](http://www.cityofpickens.com/events)

*proceeds benefit the Pickens Senior Center and the Young Appalachian Musicians*



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## NOVEMBER

**6th**

**Pickens Toy Run**

2pm; Legacy Square, Pickens

**19th**

**Sip, Shop, Stroll**  
presented by the **Greater Pickens Chamber of Commerce**

2pm - 6pm; Downtown Pickens  
visit [www.pickenschamberofcommerce.com](http://www.pickenschamberofcommerce.com) for more information

**19th**

**Native American Celebration**

10am - 4pm; Hagood Mill, Pickens  
visit [www.visitpickenscounty.com](http://www.visitpickenscounty.com) for more information

**26th**

**Small Business Saturday**  
**Shop Small, Shop Local, Shop Historic Pickens**

All Day; Pickens



## DECEMBER

**16th**

**Claire Lynch & Bryan McDowell**

**live at the Hagood Community Center Auditorium**  
6pm; 129 Schoolhouse Street, Pickens

**17th**

**Ed Harrison Memorial Celtic Christmas**

10am - 4pm; Hagood Mill, Pickens  
visit [www.visitpickenscounty.com](http://www.visitpickenscounty.com) for more info

# THANKS MEMBERS!

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Alexander Law Firm         | Brock's                      | Corner Drug Store      | Pizza Inn      |
| Cannon Memorial Hospital   | City of Pickens              | Great Oaks Dental      | Pace & Reeves  |
| Pickens Senior Center      | Edward Jones                 | Lindsay Oil Company    | State Farm     |
| Pickens Dental Associates  | Stockade Antiques            | American Legion        | TD Bank        |
| Town & Country Florist     | Pickens Savings & Loan       | Nestfeathers           | Shabby & Chic  |
| Behavioral Health Services | Flowers By Virginia          | GateHouse Restaurant   | Mark Kaiser    |
| East Main Treasures        | Foothills Gun and Pawn       | Roper Law Firm         | 9 Round        |
| Pruitt Health              | Blue Ridge Electric Coop     | TTI/OWT, Inc.          | Durham Greene  |
| Oh Joy!                    | Pickens Federal Credit Union | Pickens Rotary Club    | Domino's       |
| South State Bank           | Cornell-Dubilier             | Buddy & Cisco's Bistro | Enrapt, LLC    |
| Pickens Azalea Festival    | Southern App. Outdoors       | Appalachian Ale House  | Morris on Main |
| Bee Well Honey             | Martha's Marvelous Munchies  |                        |                |